



# Photo trip report from the initiation meeting of the Lemo woreda Innovation Platform (SNNPR)

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- The Africa RISING project in the Ethiopian highlands is supporting the establishment of local innovation platforms in each of its sites.
- This visit aimed to brief agricultural research, development and other stakeholders working at Africa RISING sites about the program's activities, and initiate the establishment of Innovation Platforms (IPs) with key partners.
- By the end of the visits we established 4 strategic (woreda) and 8 operational (kebele) IPs and formed technical committees at woreda and kebele levels.



Briefing session on Africa RISING activities to agricultural research, development and other stakeholders working at woreda level



Kindu Mekonnen gives an overview of the Africa RISING program, project activities to date including the results of the Participatory Community Analysis





Discussion by stakeholders involved in the innovation platform



Workneh Dubale, Africa RISING site coordinator confirms his intention to collaborate with stakeholders to see the project objectives achieved



Participants discussing challenges and opportunities around innovation platforms





Identifying key stakeholders to be members of the innovation platform





Participants agreeing and approving the technical committee members



Members of the Technical Committee at zonal level: (from left to right) Belay Osere, Lobe Haile, Tamrat Erjinaw, Shemelis Mengistu, Fikadu Tessema, Ashenafi Yohaness , Workneh





Elias Damtew leading the discussion on monitoring and evaluation framework



On the way to visit Jawe kebele





Greeting one of the model farmers in Jawe kebele





Examining forage interventions





forage interventions





Model farmers while sharing their experience





Discussing innovation platform purpose, role, membership and technical committees





Aberra Adie talks about building partnerships and value chains





Members of the Technical committee in at Jawe kebele : Mulugeta Negash, Mulatu Basha, Birtukan Bizuneh,, Bekelech Belachew, Birtukan Shigute, Ayele Abebe, Meles Shobiso





Africa RISING team, Jawe kebele farmers and other stakeholders





Farmers set up a straw man to prevent animals eating their crops



# Project partners Ethiopia





# Local partners Ethiopia

- **Academic institutions:**  
Wachemo, Mekelle, Madawolabu, Debre Berhan and Hawassa universities;  
Maichew Agricultural College
- **Regional research organizations:**  
Amhara Regional Agricultural Research Institute, Southern Agricultural Research Institute, Tigray Agricultural Research Institute, Oromia Agricultural Research Institute
- **Federal research organizations:**  
Ethiopian Institute for Agricultural Research, Ethiopian Health and Nutrition Research Institute
- **Offices of Agriculture:**  
Endamekoni (Tigray), Basona Worena (Amhara), Lemo (SNNRP) and Sinana (Oromia)
- **Agricultural Transformation Agency**



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